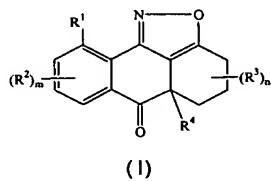


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A production process for producing a polycyclic ketone compound of represented by the following Formula (I):



(wherein R¹ represents is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted;

R² may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents is a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ acyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted or a heterocyclic group of a 5- to 7-membered ring which may be substituted or two groups of R² form a hydrocarbon group of a 4- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

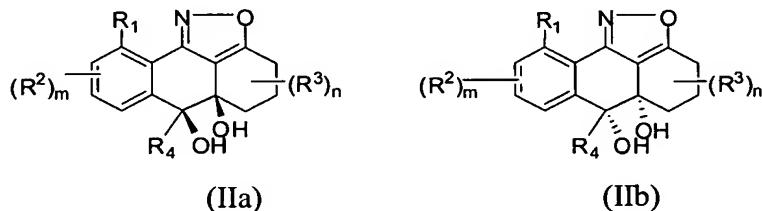
R³ may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents is a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy carbonyl group which may be substituted or a C₆ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted or two groups of R³ form a hydrocarbon group of a 4- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R⁴ represents is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted, a

C_1 to C_{10} acyl group which may be substituted, a C_1 to C_{10} alkyl group which may be substituted, a phenyl group which may be substituted or a C_1 to C_{20} hydrocarbon group which may be substituted;

m represents is an integer of 0 to 3; and n represents is an integer of 0 to 6),

wherein a compound represented by of the following Formula (IIa) or (IIb) is treated under an acidic condition:



(wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , m and n are the same as those defined in Formula (I) described above).

2. (Currently Amended) The production process as described in claim 1, wherein the treatment ~~described above~~ is carried out in the presence of a catalyst.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The production process as described in claim [[1]] 2, wherein the catalyst ~~described above~~ is selected from Lewis acids, protonic acids and mixtures thereof.

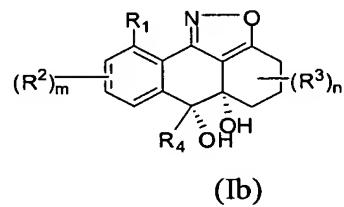
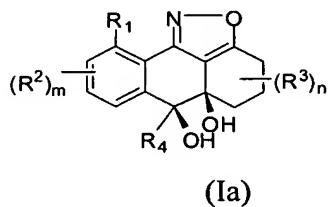
4. (Currently Amended) The production process as described in claim 3, wherein the protonic acid ~~described above~~ is selected from mineral acids such as ~~hydrogen chloride~~, alkanesulfonic acids, carboxylic acids and mixtures thereof.

5. (Original) The production process as described in claim 1, wherein the treatment is carried out at a temperature of -78 to 150°C for 0.1 to 50 hours.

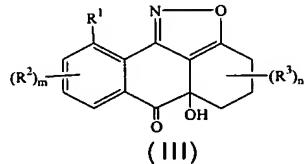
6. **(Original)** The production process as described in claim 1, wherein the treatment is carried out at a temperature of -30 to 40°C for 1 to 20 hours.

7. (Currently Amended) The production process as described in claim 1, wherein the treatment is carried out in the presence of a solvent which solvent described above is selected from methanol, ethanol, tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, dichloromethane, chloroethylene, dichloroethylene, chloroform, benzene, toluene, acetonitrile, N,N-dimethylformamide and dimethyl ketone, water, 1,4-dioxane, 1,2-dimethoxyethane and mixtures thereof.

8. (Withdrawn) A production process for producing a compound represented by the following Formula (IIa) or (IIb):



(wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, m and n are the same as described below) using a production process in which a compound represented by the following Formula (III):



(wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted;

R² may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ acyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted or a heterocyclic group of a 5- to 7-membered ring which may be substituted or two groups of R² form a hydrocarbon group of a 4- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

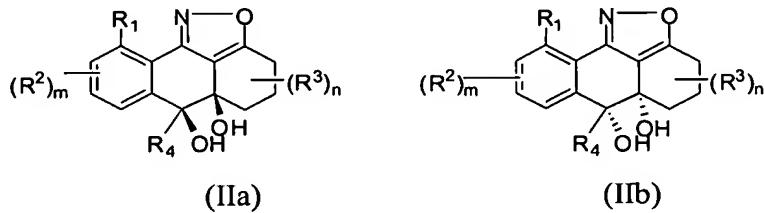
R^3 may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C_1 to C_{10} alkoxy carbonyl group which may be substituted or a C_6 to C_{20} hydrocarbon group which may be substituted or two groups of R^3 form a hydrocarbon group of a 4- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

m represents an integer of 0 to 3; and n represents an integer of 0 to 6) is treated under the presence of a compound represented by the following Formula (IV):



(wherein M represents metal, and R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ acyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted, a phenyl group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted).

9. (Withdrawn) The production process as described in claim 8, wherein the compound represented by the following Formula (IIa) or (IIb) is obtained in the form of a single isomer:



(wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, m and n are the same as described above).

10. (Withdrawn) The production process as described in claim 7, wherein the compound represented by Formula (IIa) or (IIb) (wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, m and n are the same as described above) described above is produced by treatment carried out at a temperature of -120 to 40°C for 0.01 to 5 hours.

11. **(Withdrawn)** The production process as described in claim 8, wherein the compound represented by Formula (IIa) or (IIb) described above (wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, m and n are the same as described above) is treated at a temperature of -100 to -20°C for 0.05 to 1 hour.

12. **(Withdrawn)** The production process as described in claim 8, wherein in the production of the compound represented by Formula (IIa) or (IIb) described above (wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, m and n are the same as described above), the solvent described above is selected from methanol, ethanol, tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, dichloromethane, chloroethylene, dichloroethylene, chloroform, benzene, toluene, acetonitrile, N,N-dimethylformamide and dimethyl ketone, water, 1,4-dioxane, 1,2-dimethoxyethane and mixtures thereof.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The production process as described in claim 1 or 8, wherein R¹ represents is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted;

R² may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents is a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₁₀ acyl group which may be substituted or two groups of R² form a hydrocarbon group of a 5- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R³ may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents is a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C₁ to C₅ alkoxy carbonyl group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted or two groups of R³ form a hydrocarbon group of a 5- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R⁴ represents is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ acyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkenyl

group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkynyl group which may be substituted or a phenyl group which may be substituted;

~~M represents metal;~~

~~m represents is~~ an integer of 0 to 2; and ~~n represents is~~ an integer of 0 to 4.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The production process as described in claim 1 or 8, wherein R¹ ~~represents is~~ a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ alkoxy group or a C₁ to C₅ alkoxy C₁ to C₅ alkoxy group;

R² may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and ~~represents is~~ a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted or two groups of R² form a hydrocarbon group of a 6-membered ring together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R³ may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and ~~represents is~~ a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group or a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted or two groups of R³ form a hydrocarbon group of a 6-membered ring together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R⁴ ~~represents is~~ a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ acyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ alkyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ alkenyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ alkynyl group which may be substituted or a phenyl group which may be substituted;

~~M represents lithium, magnesium, sodium, potassium or zinc;~~

~~m represents is~~ 0 or 1; and ~~n represents is~~ an integer of 0 to 3.

15. (Currently Amended) The production process as described in claim 1 or 8, wherein R¹ represents is a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted, methoxy or methoxymethoxy;

R² may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents is a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group, a C₁ to C₃ alkyl group or a C₁ to C₃ alkoxy group which may be substituted or two groups of R² form a condensed benzene ring together with adjacent carbon atoms;

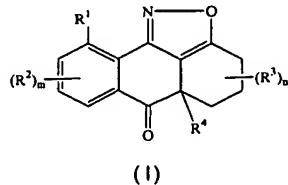
R³ may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents is a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group or a C₁ to C₃ alkyl group which may be substituted or two groups of R³ form a condensed cyclohexyl ring together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R⁴ represents is a C₁ to C₃ alkyl group which may be substituted, a vinyl group, a phenyl group or a tolyl group;

M represents lithium;

m represents is 0 or 1; and n represents is 0 or 1.

16. (Withdrawn) A polycyclic ketone compound represented by the following Formula (I):



(wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted;

R² may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino

group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ acyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted or a heterocyclic group of a 5- to 7-membered ring which may be substituted or two groups of R² form a hydrocarbon group of a 4- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R³ may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy carbonyl group which may be substituted or a C₆ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted or two groups of R³ form a hydrocarbon group of a 4- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ acyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted, a phenyl group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted; m represents an integer of 0 to 2; and n represents an integer of 0 to 4).

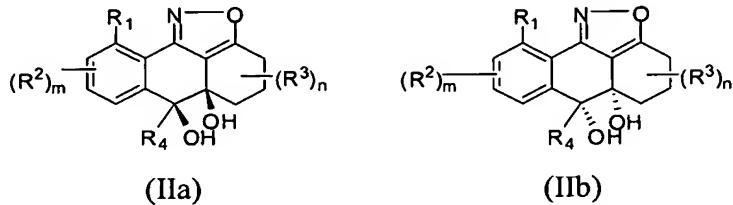
17. **(Withdrawn)** The polycyclic ketone compound as described in claim 16, wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted; R² may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₁₀ acyl group which may be substituted or two groups of R² form a hydrocarbon group of a 5- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms; R³ may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C₁ to C₅ alkoxy carbonyl group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted or two groups of R³ form a hydrocarbon group of a 5- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms; R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may

be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ acyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted or a phenyl group which may be substituted; m represents an integer of 0 to 2; and n represents an integer of 0 to 4.

18. **(Withdrawn)** The polycyclic ketone compound as described in claim 16, wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ alkoxy group or a C₁ to C₅ alkoxy C₁ to C₅ alkoxy group; R² may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted or two groups of R² form a hydrocarbon group of a 6-membered ring together with adjacent carbon atoms; R³ may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group or a C₁ to C₁₀ alkyl group which may be substituted or two groups of R³ form a hydrocarbon group of a 6-membered ring together with adjacent carbon atoms; R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an amino group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ acyl group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₅ alkyl group which may be substituted or a phenyl group which may be substituted; m represents 0 or 1; and n represents an integer of 0 to 3.

19. **(Withdrawn)** The polycyclic ketone compound as described in claim 16, wherein R¹ represents a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted, methoxy or methoxymethoxy; R² may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group or a C₁ to C₃ alkyl group or a C₁ to C₃ alkoxy group which may be substituted or two groups of R² form a condensed benzene ring together with adjacent carbon atoms; R³ may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group or a C₁ to C₃ alkyl group which may be substituted or two groups of R³ form a condensed cyclohexyl ring together with adjacent carbon atoms; R⁴ represents a C₁ to C₃ alkyl group which may be substituted or a tolyl group; m represents 0 or 1; and n represents 0 or 1.

20. (Withdrawn) A polycyclic compound represented by the following Formula (IIa) or (IIb):



(wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a silyloxy group which may be substituted, a C₁ to C₁₀ alkoxy group which may be substituted or a C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon group which may be substituted;

R^2 may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C_1 to C_{10} alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C_1 to C_{10} acyl group which may be substituted, a C_1 to C_{20} hydrocarbon group which may be substituted or a heterocyclic group of a 5- to 7-membered ring which may be substituted or two groups of R^2 form a hydrocarbon group of a 4- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R^3 may be independent from each other and the same as or different from each other and represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C_1 to C_{10} alkoxy carbonyl group which may be substituted or a C_6 to C_{20} hydrocarbon group which may be substituted or two groups of R^3 form a hydrocarbon group of a 4- to 6-membered ring which may be substituted together with adjacent carbon atoms;

R^4 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may be substituted, a C_1 to C_{10} alkoxy group which may be substituted, a C_1 to C_{10} acyl group which may be substituted, a C_1 to C_{10} alkyl group which may be substituted, a phenyl group which may be substituted or a C_1 to C_{20} hydrocarbon group which may be substituted; m represents an integer of 0 to 2; and n represents an integer of 0 to 4).